

# **Minutes of the Malvern City Council**

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Held in the City Hall Courtroom

Monday, November 9, 2015

The Malvern City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtroom. Mayor Brenda Weldon called the meeting to order and introduced Bro. David Cash, Pastor of First Baptist Church Malvern, who led the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Present for the meeting were Council members Mary Fraction, William Wilson, J. Wayne Reynolds, Peggy Lusinger, Robin Halbert, Larry Stiles and David Cross with Lynn Davis absent. Also present was City Clerk/Treasurer Phyllis Dial with City Attorney Cecilia Ashcraft absent. Mayor Weldon declared a quorum present and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion was made by Fraction, seconded by Reynolds to adopt the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on October 13, 2015. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Fraction, Wilson, Reynolds, Lusinger, Halbert, Stiles, and Cross with Davis absent. All present voting for motion carried.

Monthly departmental reports were considered. Mayor Weldon noted that they were available for review on the tablets. A motion was made by Fraction, seconded by Lusinger to accept departmental reports as posted. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Fraction, Wilson, Reynolds, Lusinger, Halbert, Stiles, and Cross with Davis absent. All present voting for motion carried.

Under old business, Council Member Reynolds introduced for its third and final reading by title only an ordinance levying city taxes for the year 2016. Clerk/Treasurer Dial read the ordinance for its third and final reading by title only. A motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Fraction to adopt the ordinance. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Fraction, Wilson, Reynolds, Lusinger, Halbert, Stiles, and Cross with Davis absent. All present voting for motion carried and the ordinance was declared adopted and assigned No. 2015-14.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016  
FOR GENERAL FUND, POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF,  
AND FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF**

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Mayor Weldon noted that there are two (2) vacancies on the Revolving Loan Fund Board and that one is due to the resignation of Pete Paladino. She stated that the Board has recommended that the Council continue the practice of appointing people within the banking industry for appointment to the board. A motion was made by Fraction, seconded by Reynolds to appoint Shaun Robinson and Jim Ferguson to fill the vacancies on the RLF Board. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Fraction, Wilson, Reynolds, Lusinger, Halbert, Stiles, and Cross with Davis absent. All present voting for motion carried.

Mayor Weldon noted that four citizens had asked to appear before the Council to speak on the Walco Road issue. She told the citizens that they would each be allowed five (5) minutes to speak. The first citizen to be recognized was Mr. Lawrence Bailey. Mr. Bailey told the Council that he lives at 1125 Hope Street and that while he realizes that Walco Road is the main entrance to several commercial businesses in the area, it also services a large residential area; about 60% of whom are elderly, retired, or disabled. He stated that the road is full of potholes and that the traffic, especially the large trucks, is dangerous. There are many children in the area and many times the trucks do not obey the stop signs. He noted that the street is crumbling because of the commercial traffic in the area. He stated that they pay taxes just like the remainder of the community and would like to see us all work together to bring the street back to the shape it is supposed to be.

Rocky Stitt told the council that the Walco Road residents were told a lie 26 years ago when Cabe Street was closed. He also stated that he feels the closing of Park Street and Halbert Street to through traffic was another incidence of the people in the Walco Road area not receiving fair treatment. He stated that the City Council committed an illegal act by selling Cabe Street to Anthony Timberlands, and stated that the city attorney had said that cities couldn't sell streets. Mr. Stitt stated that someone is going to get killed on Walco, because of the heavy traffic. Alderman Reynolds noted that the City did not sell the street to ATI; the street was closed by the City Council by ordinance.

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Betty Samuel told the Council that she has been gone from Malvern for several years and doesn't know a lot of the history of Walco before she recently moved back. Ms. Samuel told the council that there does not need to be more traffic on Walco Road, and that it is dangerous and difficult for her to get out of her driveway. She stated that the street was not built for heavy commercial traffic and that someone is going to get seriously injured because the trucks drive too fast, and do not obey the stop signs. She urged the council to do something to get the heavy truck traffic off of Walco Road.

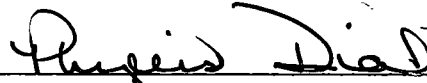
Ms. Betty McCray was scheduled to appear before the Council, but was not in attendance. Mayor Weldon thanked the citizens for their input and stated the City's intent to work on a solution to alleviate the problems on Walco Road.

Mayor Weldon told the Council that her office has been busy working on the 2016 budget and announced that there will be a meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. of the budget committee in her office. She invited the council members who do not serve on that committee to be in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Reynolds, seconded by Stiles to adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned.



Brenda J. Weldon, Mayor



Phyllis Dial, City Clerk/Treasurer